

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 2 June 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room B
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	X		
Edward F. Almon	X		
Joseph V. Centofanti, MD		X	
John W. Flynn			X
Wallace Gernt			X
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Fernanda M. A. da Costa, MPH, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Jay Garrett, MS, Tricia Leddy, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the Project Review Committee-I meetings of 17 February 2009 and 19 May 2009 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Quigley, Ricci.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **CharterCARE Health Partners** for change in effective control of: St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island, Roger Williams Hospital and Elmhurst Extended Care Facilities, Inc.

Staff reviewed the Hospital Conversion (R23-17.14-3) and Change in Effective Control (R23-17-3) criteria. Staff noted its memo identifying the operating performance of the two hospitals.

Mr. Belcher, President of Roger Williams Hospital (“RWH”), reviewed responses to follow up questions. Pursuant to Mr. Madden’s question, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Fogarty discussed the components of the \$15 million in savings due to affiliation. It was noted that \$15 million represents 4%-5% of the combined operating budgets of the two hospitals. As an example, savings from the laboratory services were projected at \$1 million.

Mr. Belcher noted that (due to the economy) ED utilization was down across the state based on information provided by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. The Chair requested that the applicant address the issue of ED over utilization. To Ms. Lapierre’s inquiry, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Fogarty noted their agreements to working with DHS to mitigate over-utilization of their Emergency Departments.

Mr. Almon noted the need for a different healthcare delivery system.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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